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SUBJ: FIRST QUARTER FY 74 PL-480 ALLOCATION, UPPER VOLTA

REF: STATE 148981

1. SUGGEST PLANNING FIGURE OF 12,000 MT OF PL 480
EMERGENCY SORGHUM FOR UPPER VOLTA FOR PERIOD UP TO END OF
HARVEST APPROXIMATELY THROUGH OCTOBER. VOLTANS ARE SO TIED
UP WITH PRESENT EMERGENCY OPERATION THAT WE HAVE NOT YET
BEEN ABLE OBTAIN OTHER THAN HASTY GUESTIMATES FROM THEM
CONCERNING NEXT STAGE, BUT 10,000 TO 12,000 TONS RANGE
SEEMS REASONABLE PREDICTION OF NEEDS BASED ON VOLTANS'
EXPRESSED CONCERNS THUS FAR.

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2. TO DATE OF 16,356 MT SORGHUM RECEIVED IN PORTS,

APPROXIMATELY 6700 TONS HAVE ARRIVED OUAGA. MOST OF THIS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM STABILIZATION TO EMERGENCY GRAIN. GOUV IS THEREFORE APPROACHING END OF EMERGENCY GRAIN FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO DEPRIVED POPULATION IN NORTHERN AREAS. (ASSUMING 25 PERCENT SALE EMERGENCY GRAIN TO DEFRAY TRANSPORT COSTS AND 10 PERCENT FREE DISTRIBUTION OF STABILIZATION GRAIN, GOUV HAS TOTAL 7950 MT FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION). REQUEST THAT FIRST SHIPMENT OF MINIMUM 3000 MT OF THIS SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST BE DELIVERED TEMA AT EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE AND BALANCE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY THROUGH END OF OCTOBER. WE URGE ALL THIS SUPPLEMENTARY TONNAGE BE SHIPPED IN BULK TO TEMA DIRECT FOR BAGGING THERE. TEMA HAS ADEQUATE STORAGE AND BAGGING CAPACITY.

3. ADO REP AND EMBASSY/OUAGA BELIEVE QUANTITY REQUESTED REPRESENTS CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF VALID EMERGENCY NEEDS FOR STATED TIME PERIOD. HOWEVER, MUST INDICATE THAT SLENDER GOUV PERSONNEL RESOURCES AND INEXPERIENCED CADRE HAS FORCED GOUV TO CONCENTRATE ON ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE DETRIMENT OF KIND OF REPORTING THAT OUR REGULATIONS REQUIRE. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS TO ALL LEVELS OF GOUV, REPORTS IN DETAIL REQUIRED BY FFP FOR TRANSFER OF GRAIN, DISTRIBUTION ETC. HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING ON A TIMELY BASIS. BOTH OFNACER AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ARE KEEPING RECORDS, HOWEVER, AND REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS EXIST FOR COMPETENT FINAL ACCOUNTING.

4. REQUEST CLARIFICATION PARA 7 REFTEL STATEMENT "AVAILABILITY OF POST-FIRST-QUARTER PL 480 TITLE II FEED GRAINS IS MOST UNCERTAIN" IN RELATION ON-GOING GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA. GOUV HAS ALREADY PRESENTED WRITTEN REQUEST FOR 20,000 MT SORGHUM FOR 1974 STABILIZATION PROGRAM WITH DELIVERIES REQUESTED OCT 73 THROUGH MAY 1974. SIMILAR REQUEST EXPECTED FROM GON. BOTH COUNTRIES CONSIDER STABILIZATION PROGRAM IMPORTANT PART OF LONG-TERM EFFORT TO COUNTERACT EFFECTS OF RECURRENT LOCAL AND/OR EXTENDED DROUGHT IN REGION. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT EMERGENCY GRAIN AID NOT BE AT EXPENSE SORGHUM DELIVERIES FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION. AID/W AND FFP MUST FACILITATE SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM EMERGENCY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAIN TO STABILIZATION GRAIN AS WE MOVE INTO 73 POST HARVEST PERIOD, AND UNTIL ON-GOING PROGRAM BASED ON PURCHASE/SALE OF LOCAL GRAIN WELL ESTABLISHED.
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